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## **New Member Appointed to Virginia Aviation Board**

RICHMOND—The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) announced today that a new Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) member has been appointed by Governor Mark Warner.

Larry T. Omps has been selected as the new appointee to the VAB. He will represent Region Three (Northern Virginia) which includes: Reagan National, Dulles International, Culpeper Regional, Front Royal-Warren County, Gordonsville Municipal, Hartwood, Leesburg Executive, Luray Caverns, Manassas Regional, New Market, Orange County, Stafford Regional, Warrenton-Fauquier, Whitman Strip and Winchester Regional Airports.

Mr. Omps was born and raised in Winchester, Virginia. He is a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, served in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman and also graduated from John Tyler Community College with a mortuary science degree. He is president of Omps Funeral Home, Inc., a Winchester business serving that community since 1936.

Mr. Omps was elected Mayor of Winchester in 1996 and 2000 with his term ending this past June and currently serves as a member of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority. "I look forward to working with the Virginia Aviation Board and the Department of Aviation on their vision for a safe, efficient and technologically advanced Virginia transportation system," said Omps.

As a member of several aviation organizations to include the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Piper Owners Association, he is also a commercial pilot and holds instrument and multi-engine ratings. He is a licensed aircraft mechanic with airframe and power plant ratings and one of his many enjoyments is rebuilding antique airplanes.

Mr. Omps is married with three children and resides in Winchester.

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